

1981



THE IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE

salutes

STRAWHAT THEATER 1981

(ANOTHER GRAND AMERICAN TRADITION)



Although a couple of real troopers, THE DOLLY SISTERS never appeared at the Ivoryton Playhouse . . . but they probably wish they had!
Photo: The Apada Studio, N.Y.C. c.1908.

COVER: Our new seal was designed by artist Richard L. Brooks of Essex, husband of trustee Bunny Brooks. Born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, Dick became a marine painter in his teens, but after Dartmouth and World War II he found himself the creator of the nationally syndicated Sunday and daily comic strip THE JACKSON TWINS. After thirty years of steering teen aged twins through life he moved to Essex and began painting again. He is well known locally for his limited edition of prints of a historic scene at Steamboat Dock now on sale at the museum.

STRAWHAT THEATRE ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS

presents

The *Fantasticks*

Book and Lyrics by
TOM JONES

Music by
HARVEY SCHMIDT

Directed by
JONATHAN LEVI

Starring
CHRISTOPHER DUDLEY **CATHERINE KENT** **LUKE LYNCH** **LARRY HIRSCHHORN**
and
HARRY BENNETT **RICHARD DANA** **ROBIN TOWNER** **ANSON GREENE**

with
TOMMY KRASKER
at the Piano

Scenery by
Dick Block

Costumes by
Robert F. Musco

Lighting by
Joshua Dachs

Production Stage Manager
David Lansky

Produced by Special Arrangement with
Music Theatre International

CAST

(in order of appearance)

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| The Mute | ROBIN TOWNER |
| El Gallo | CHRISTOPHER DUDLEY |
| Luisa | CATHERINE KENT |
| Matt | LUKE LYNCH |
| Hucklebee | HARRY BENNETT |
| Bellamy | LARRY HIRSCHHORN |
| Henry | RICHARD DANA |
| Mortimer | ANSON GREENE |

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

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|----------------------------------|---|
| OVERTURE | <i>The Company</i> |
| TRY TO REMEMBER | <i>El Gallo</i> |
| MUCH MORE | <i>Luisa</i> |
| METAPHOR | <i>Matt and Luisa</i> |
| NEVER SAY "NO" | <i>Hucklebee and Bellamy</i> |
| IT DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU PAY | <i>El Gallo, Bellamy, and Hucklebee</i> |
| SOON IT'S GONNA RAIN | <i>Matt and Luisa</i> |
| THE RAPE BALLET | <i>The Company</i> |
| HAPPY ENDING | <i>Matt, Luisa, Hucklebee and Bellamy</i> |

ACT TWO

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| THIS PLUM IS TOO RIPE | <i>Matt, Luisa, Hucklebee and Bellamy</i> |
| I CAN SEE IT | <i>El Gallo and Matt</i> |
| PLANT A RADISH | <i>Hucklebee and Bellamy</i> |
| ROUND & ROUND | <i>El Gallo, Luisa and Company</i> |
| THEY WERE YOU | <i>Matt and Luisa</i> |
| TRY TO REMEMBER (REPRISE) | <i>El Gallo</i> |

There will be one ten-minute intermission

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| <i>Producer</i> | | David G. Watson |
| <i>Associate Producers</i> | | Annette Holloway |
| | | Jonathan Levi |
| | | Joshua Dachs |
| <i>Designers</i> | ..... | Dick Block |
| | | Robert F. Musco |
| <i>Production Manager</i> | ..... | David Lansky |
| <i>Technical Director</i> | ..... | Ed Siegel |
| <i>Assistant Stage Manager</i> | ..... | Cynthia Cox |
| <i>Master Electrician</i> | ..... | Stacey Sandler |
| <i>Properties Mistress</i> | ..... | Cheryl Van Ness |
| <i>Master Carpenter</i> | ..... | Christine Gada |
| <i>Wardrobe Mistress</i> | ..... | Mary Stiber |
| <i>Box Office Manager</i> | ..... | Melissa Posen |
| <i>Publicity</i> | ..... | Joanne Seraphin |
| <i>Children's Theatre</i> | ..... | Jo Picone |
| <i>The Company</i> | ..... | Josh Astrachan |
| | | Michael Katz |
| | | Harry Bennett |
| | | Catherine Kent |
| | | Melissa Cooper |
| | | Linda Key |
| | | Claudia Cox |
| | | O'Mara Leary |
| | | Jenifer Crowell |
| | | Martha LeFage |
| | | Richard Dana |
| | | Luke Lynch |
| | | Chris Dudley |
| | | Pat Nigosanti |
| | | Paula Ewin |
| | | Robin Towner |
| | | Larry Hirschhorn |
| | | Rebecca Wesson |

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Saturday 25 July MAGIC THEATRE II
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THE IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE

Nominated to the National Register of Historic Places; the Ivoryton Playhouse was built in 1908 as a social hall for the Comstock-Cheney piano key factory.

Beginning in 1930, both actors and audiences found a special pleasure in traveling to the country during the sultry months and summer theater was born in Ivoryton, Connecticut.

Milton Stiefel operated this premier Playhouse for 44 years and introduced to Connecticut such stars as Katharine Hepburn, Alan Alda, Mary Astor, Tallulah Bankhead, Shirley Booth, Marlon Brando, Helen Hayes, Vincent Price, Mae West, and Shelly Winters to name a *very* few.

In more recent years Richard Thomas, Cloris Leachman, Kathryn Crosby, Ginger Rogers, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Richard Chamberlain, and Cab Calloway have carried on the Ivoryton Tradition.

Some very special people have dedicated themselves to caring for this wonderful playhouse and to insure that the Ivoryton Tradition of lively summer theater continues. These are people who derive pleasure not only from going to the theater, but from giving to it: the members of the Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation.

OUR GOALS INCLUDE: retiring the mortgage . . . heating the theater . . . improving the stage facilities . . . refurbishing the interior and exterior. **YOU** are invited to share in this special venture.

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